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CHEAPER LANDLINE CALL AND ROAMING CHARGES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to introduce cheaper local landline call charges and mobile roaming charges;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) & (b) The tariff for Telecom Services is now regulated by the TRAI (Telecom Regulatory Authority of India). As per the TRAI guidelines the tariffs are under forbearance, except for monthly rentals, number of free calls and call charges for telephone services including WLL (F), in rural areas and roaming charges for mobile services. Accordingly all the service providers including the BSNL and MTNL are fixing their own tariff from time to time.

At present there is no such proposal in the above two Public Sector Companies to introduce the cheaper land line call charges and mobile roaming charges.

(c) The local land line call charges and the mobile roaming charges are already low in these two companies.